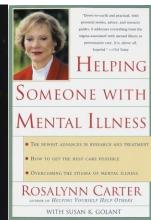


The Extraordinary Life of Rosalynn Carter Grades 8-12













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We drive openness, cultivate public participation, and strengthen our nation's democracy through public access to high-value government records.

Vision

Cutting-edge access to extraordinary volumes of government information and unprecedented engagement to bring greater meaning to the American experience.

Values

Collaborate, Innovate, Learn

Left: Transfer of Charters of Freedom to the National Archives, 12/13/1952 (National Archives Identifier: 5928179)



National Archives History

1934: Established to preserve and care for records of the U.S. Government

1949: Incorporated with General Services Administration

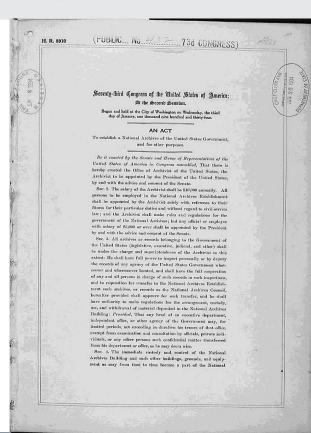
1985: Made independent agency

40 facilities across the country

- Federal Records Centers
- Presidential Libraries
- Office of the Federal Register
- Regional Facilities



Right: MO 1947.93.74; Wheelchair Used by Franklin Roosevelt; ca. 1941-1945; Personal Possessions of the Roosevelt Family, 1941 – 2020 (FDR Library) **Far Right:** An Act of June 19, 1934 ("National Archives Act"), Public Law 73-432, 48 STAT 1122, to Create a National Archives of the United States Government, and for Other Purposes (National Archives Identifier: 299840)





Presidential Libraries



Above: Map of NARA's Presidential Libraries (Nixon Library)

General Overview

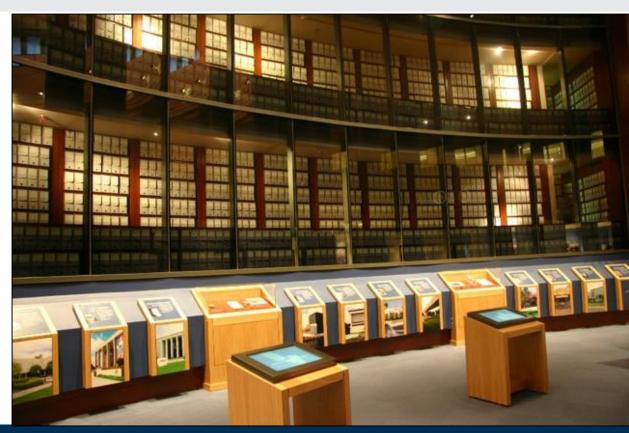
- Initiated by FDR, 1939
- Formalized by Presidential Libraries Act of 1955
- Not mandatory, discretion of outgoing President
- Land acquisition & construction paid by for by private, non-federal sources
- Managed by NARA in partnership with private foundations
- 14 Total (Hoover through Obama)



Carter Presidential Library

- Opened October 1, 1986
- 40 million pages of written materials
- 40,000 museum objects/artifacts
- 500,000 photographs
- 2,500 hours of film, audio and video tape

Right: A portion of the Carter Library archival collections as seen from the museum floor (Carter Library)



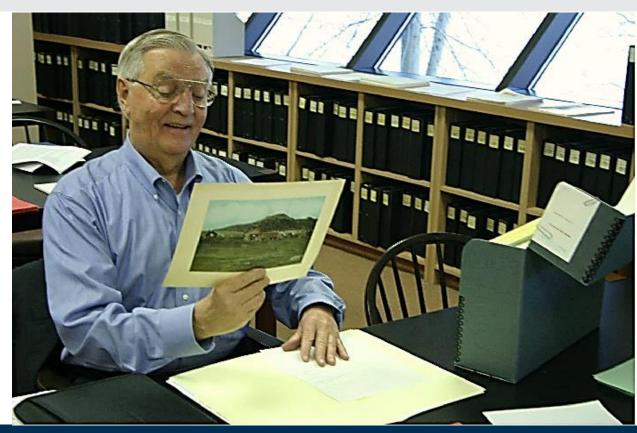


Research: Carter Library Website

www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov

- Research policies and procedures (normal operations)
- List of collections w/descriptions
- Frequently requested topics
- "Ask an Archivist/Education Specialist" online submission form

Right: Former Vice-President Walter Mondale conducting research at the Carter Library (Carter Library)







Program Overview



Rosalynn Carter

- Early Life
- In the Navy
- Back to Plains/Politics
- Washington Years
- Post-Presidency

Left: Mrs. Johnson, President and Mrs. Carter, President and Mrs. Ford, President and Mrs. Nixon, President and Mrs. Reagan, President and Mrs. Bush Attend Dedication of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 11/4/1991 (National Archives Identifier: 5730822)

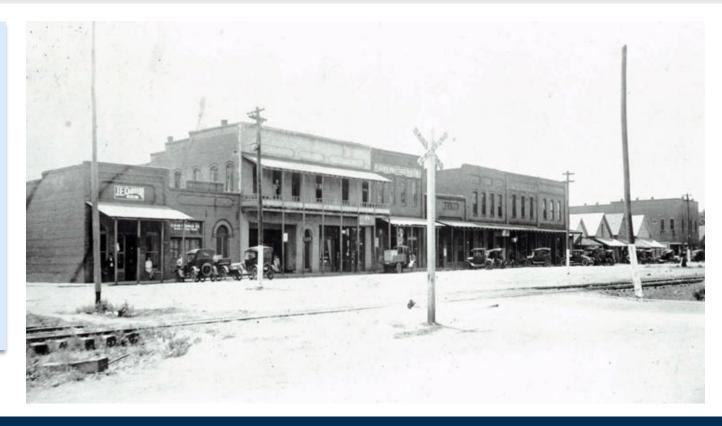


Early Life

Rural Beginnings

- Born Eleanor
 Rosalynn Carter,
 August 18, 1927,
 Plains, GA
- Visited by future husband, Jimmy Carter on DOB
- Father passes away at age 13

Right: Main Street in Plains, GA, ca. 1925 (Carter Library)



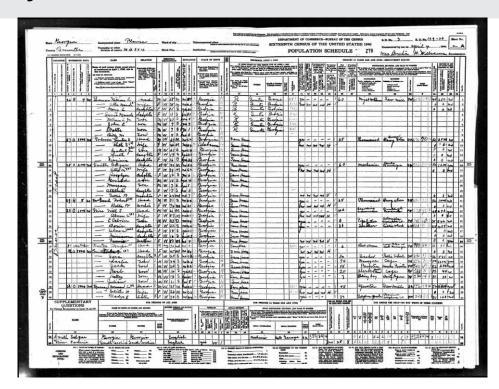


PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Early Life: 1940 Census



Rosalynn Carter, at about age 13 (<u>Carter Library</u>)



Population Schedule recording Rosalynn Carter in the Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940 (<u>Carter Library</u>)



Early Life

Conclusion of Childhood

- Works to support family, raise three younger siblings
- Carter not around, "just a picture on Ruth's wall"
- Turns down Carter's first proposal to finish college
- Graduates from Georgia Southwestern College, 1946

affiliate, The Rosalynn Carter Institute For Caregivers

Learn more about Georgia Southwestern State College



Right: Early portrait of Rosalynn Carter, at about age 17, ca. 1944 (National Archives Identifier: 593564)



Courting Carter



Jimmy Carter gave this compact with ILYTG engraved on it to Rosalynn Smith on Christmas morning of 1945; ILYTG stands for: I Love You The Goodest, a Carter family term of endearment (Carter Library)



Ensign Jimmy Carter gets help with his epaulets from his fiancée Rosalynn, at left, and his mother Miss Lillian, right, on the day of his graduation from the Naval Academy, 1946 (Carter Library)



75 Years and Counting...



Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter drive off on their wedding day, 7/7/1946 (Carter Library)



The marriage license for Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, filed July 7, 1946, in Sumter County, Georgia (Carter Library)



In the Navy



Far From Plains

Carter's Naval Assignments:

- Norfolk, VA (USS Wyoming, USS Mississippi)
- **New London, CT** (Submarine School)
- **Pearl Harbor, HI** (USS *Pomfret*)
- Sand Diego, CA (USS Pomfret)
- **Groton, CT** (USS *K-1*)

Left: Lieutenant James Earl "Jimmy" Carter in main control room of USS *K-1* (Naval History and Heritage Command)



Return to Plains

Uncertain Return

- Jimmy makes "unilateral" decision to return after father's death, 1953
- "Not having any assured income, we applied for and were assigned an apartment in the new housing project in Plains"

Right: Apartment 9A, Plains, Georgia (National Park Service)





Getting Into Politics

Expanding Their Community

- 1963: Journalist uncovers voter fraud, Carter wins GA State Senate seat
- Carter wins GA
 Governor's race on
 second attempt

Right: Campaign poster for one of Jimmy Carter's successful runs for the Georgia State Senate. (Carter Library)

Far Right: Jimmy Carter shaking hands with voters while running for Georgia governor(Carter Library)

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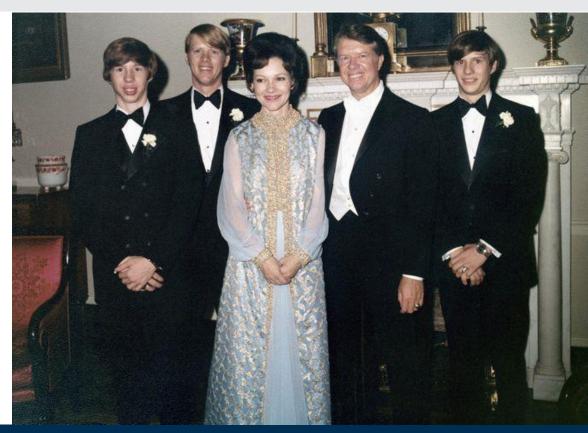


First Lady of Georgia

Georgians On Her Mind

- As First Lady (GA), served on Governor's Commission to Improve Services to the Mentally & Emotionally Handicapped
- Brings heightened public awareness to needs of caregivers

Right: The Carters pose for a family portrait with their three sons Jeff, Jack and Chip during his inauguration as governor in January 1971 (Carter Library)





The Carters go to Washington



First Lady of the Nation

- Continues advocacy of Mental Health
- Represents U.S. abroad
- Maintains status as Carter's "closest advisor"
- ERA Advocate

Left: Rosalynn Carter, Jimmy Carter and Amy Carter pose on the White House lawn (Carter Library)





Equal Rights Amendment



Advocate for Change

- Joins Ford, Johnson in publicly supporting **ERA**
- Speaks at the National Women's Conference
- Passage according to Article V continues to be debated today

Left: Rosalynn Carter speaks at the National Women's Conference, 11/19/1977 (National Archives Identifier: 176939)



Mental Health Champion



At Home and Abroad

- Appointed Honorary Chairperson, <u>President's</u> <u>Commission on Mental</u> Health
- Helped ensure passage of <u>Mental Health Systems Act</u> of 1980
- Efforts resulted in private funding increase for family aid, aging, youth, and ADAaccessible buildings

Left: Rosalynn Carter addresses the Medical Society of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland (National Archives Identifier: 184855)



Most Trusted Advisor

1977: Latin America Trip

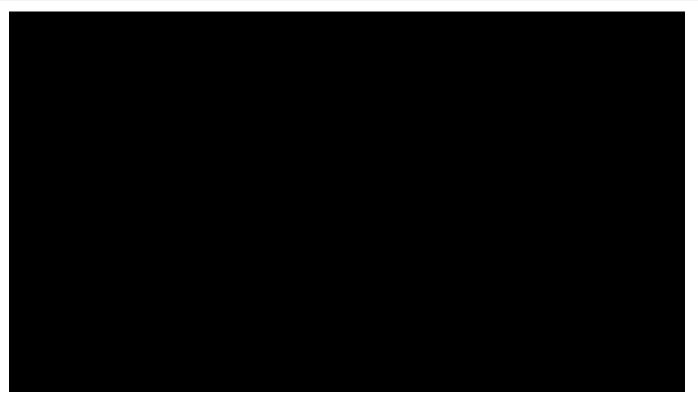
- Two weeks, seven nations
- Discussed issues ranging from human rights to nuclear arms control with each leader
- Improved dialogue between the U.S. and Latin American neighbors

Right: Rosalynn Carter is received by Costa Rican dignitaries after her arrival on Air Force One, 1977 (Carter Library)





Most Trusted Advisor



Rosalynn Carter on Attending Cabinet Meetings (C-SPAN)

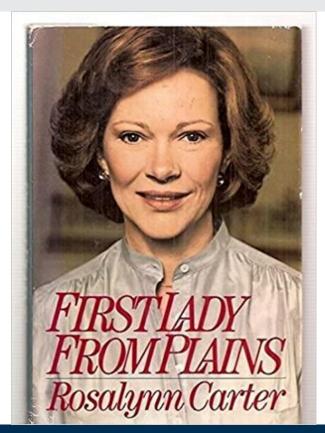


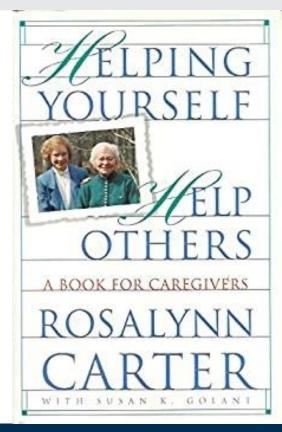
Life After Washington

Getting out of Debt

- Farm business sold after being in blind trust during presidency
- Carters begin literary careers, climb out of debt
- Free to pursue humanitarian initiatives

Right: First Lady From Plains, by Rosalynn Carter (Carter Library) **Far Right:** Helping Yourself Help Others, A Book For Caregivers, by Rosalynn Carter with Susan K. Golant (Carter Library)







The Carter Center



Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope.

- Rosalynn Carter
 Symposium on Mental
 Health Policy
- Establishes annual <u>Georgia Mental Health</u> Forum
- Travels to promote peace and health programs in more than 80 countries

Left: Rosalynn Carter testifies before U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee in favor of the Wellstone Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (Carter Center)



The Carter Center

Medal of Freedom

- Receive highest civilian honor in U.S.
- Honor shared with Jimmy

President Clinton:

"...have done more good things for more people in more places than any other couple on earth,"

Right: President and Mrs. Carter receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton at a ceremony at The Carter Center in Atlanta, 7/9/199 (Carter Center)





Still in Plains

Enjoying Retirement

- Reins of Carter Center handed to grandson Jason Carter
- Recently hosted 300 guests at Plain High School for 75th Wedding Anniversary

Right: 2016 presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former first lady Rosalynn Carter, former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton at their 75th wedding anniversary celebration (Carter Center)





Further Inquiry

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Carter Library Research Resources

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